



## Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/13/2022

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (5/2/2022)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	115	767	135
Total	115	767	135

Please Note: The above volumes (tonnage, acres, and bales) listed on this USDA LPGMN report are for confirmed trades only, it does not include estimated volume (tonnage) for bids or offers to the trade.

Compared to last week: Hay sold fully steady. Demand for hay was good again this week. Light sales were seen again this week, as ranchers buy hay on an as need basis. Rain was seen across much of central and eastern Montana this past week with locations in central Montana picking up 0.20-1.25 inches, while eastern and northeastern counties picked up 1.50-3.0 inches. Timely rains have given some hope for first cutting as many producers say dry land hay is looking good following recent rains. Many buyers continue to try to find takers for new crop contracts but to little avail as most producers are waiting to see how growing conditions develop. Hay continues to be delivered into the state from 305.00-345.00 from Wyoming, South Dakota and Nebraska. High fuel costs continue keep hauling prices high. Most trucks are running around 7.25-8.00 for trains per loaded mile. The drought monitor's data set runs from Tuesday to Tuesday so this weeks rains will not be factored in until next week. According to the drought monitor 85.40% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, unchanged from last week; 65.28 % of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, 0.26% decrease from last week; 19.10% of the state is in extreme drought or worse, an increase of 0.04% from last week; 0% of the state is in an exceptional drought, unchanged from last week.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						
<b>Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	12	350.00	350.00	F.O.B.		
<b>Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	32	300.00	300.00	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	65	300.00	300.00	F.O.B.		
<b>Orchard Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	6	350.00	350.00	F.O.B.		

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/HayQualityGuidelines.pdf>

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